Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CAIRO 16082 01 OF 02 261828Z

46
ACTION H-03

INFO OCT-01 NEA-07 ISO-00 SS-07 NSC-06 AID-01 /025 W
---------- 013182
R 261502Z NOV 76
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9248

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 CAIRO 16082

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (WOLFF, LESTER)
SUBJ: CODEL WOLFF MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR: NARCOTICS MATTERS

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM CAIRO 16082 SENT ACTION ROME NIACT IMMEDIATE 20 NOV 76 H/W REPEATED

QUOTE

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 CAIRO 16082

CODEL WOLFF FOR DON DUSKIE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OREP (WOLFF, LESTER L.)
SUBJ: CODEL WOLFF MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR: NARCOTICS MATTERS

1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSTAION BETWEEN CODEL WOLFF AND MININT SAYYID FAHMY, NOVEMBER 18, 1976. REQUEST CODEL REVIEW MEMO AND ADVISE US OF APPROVAL OR ANY DESIRED CHANGES. WE WILL THEN TRANSMIT IT TO DEPT WITH REQUEST COPIES BE SENT TO CODEL MEMBERS OFFICES.

2. MEETING BEGAN WITH CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES. CHAIRMAN WOLFF THANKED MININT SAYYID FAHMY FOR WARMTH OF RECEPTION AND TIME DEVOTED BY MINISTER OF DELEGATION. HE WISHED TO STRESS AGAIN CODEL'S APPRECIATION OF COOPERATIVE NATURE OF EGYPTIAN/US RELATIONSHIP ON
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CAIRO 16082 01 OF 02 261828Z

NARCOTICS MATTERS. DEA ADMINISTRATOR BENSINGER

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

ALSO THANKED MINISTER, ADDING TRIP WAS INTERESTING
AND VALUABLE. IN EGYPT, HE FOUND "LOUDER, WISER,
VOICE" ON NARCOTICS MATTERS. MR. BENSINGER SAID US
CONSIDERS EGYPTIAN ANTI-NARCOTICS ADMINISTRATION HIGHLY
PROFESSIONAL AND EFFECTIVE IN JOINT COOPERATIVE
EFFORTS. "WE ARE AMONG FRIENDS AND PROFESSIONALS
WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED SUCCESS".

3. MR. BENSINGER NOTED REPORTS THAT GROWING OF
OPIUM HAD BEGUN IN UPPER EGYPT. HE ASKED
WHERE, AND WHAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN AGAINST
CULTIVATION OF OPIUM AND HASHISH BY EGYPTIAN
AUTHORITIES. MINISTER FAHMY REPLIED THAT CODEL
WOLFF VISIT OF IMPORTANCE TO EGYPT BECAUSE OF ITS
CONNECTION WITH A PROBLEM OF CENTRAL CONCERN, NOT
MERELY WITH REGARD TO ENFORCEMENT, BUT ALSO TO
SOCIAL IMPACT. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT, FOR THE
MOMENT, THE MAIN PROBLEM IN EGYPT REMAINS USE OF
DRUGS, RATHER THAN PRODUCTION. SITUATION DIFFERS
FROM PROBLEM ELSEWHERE, (EUROPE, US) SINCE DRUG
ABUSE CONFINED TO LOWER CLASSES. OTHER SIDE OF
COIN IS PROBLEM OF TRANSIT. MINISTER NOTED,
HOWEVER, THAT SOME OPIUM PRODUCTION HAS
BEGUN IN UPPER EGYPT. EGYPTIANS WORKED HARD TO
MAKE SEIZURES AND ELIMINATE PRODUCTION, BUT NEED
HELP FROM OUTSIDE, BOTH TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND
EQUIPMENT.

4. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF A.N.A. , GENERAL FARAG, BEGAN
BRIEFING WITH A SURVEY OF HISTORY AND CURRENT
ORGANIZATION OF A.N.A. HE RECALLED THAT IT BECAME
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION TWO YEARS AGO WHEN MININT
RECOGNIZED INCREASING GRAVITY OF PROBLEM IN EGYPT,
I.E., BEGINNING OF PLANTATION CULTURE OF OPIUM AND
INTRODUCTION OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS INTO LOCAL NARCOTIC
MARKET.

5. GENERAL FARAG REMARKED THAT IMPORTATION
IS PRINCIPALLY HASHISH, FOLLOWED BY OPIUM AND RELATIVELY
LESSER QUALTITY OF SYNTHETIC DRUGS SUCH AS
UNCLASSIFIED

BARBITURATES AND AMPHETAMINES. HASHISH, AND SOME
OPIUM, IS COMING FROM LEBANON, DESPITE DISLOACTION
CAUSED BY CIVIL WAR. MININT COMMENTED THAT
HASHISH HAS POLITICAL PURPOSE AS WELL, IN THE
HASHISH PRODUCTION AND SALE POSSIBLY USED TO HELP
FINANCE CAMPAIGNS OF WARRING PARTIES IN LEBANON.
THSE PRESENT EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH HIS VIEW.

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

6. GENERAL FARAG SAID THAT IN EGYPT BEFORE
1976 AVERAGE SEIZURES OF IMPORTED HASHISH AVERAGED
15 TONS PER YEAR, BUT THAT THIS YEAR 19 TONS WERE
INTERDICTED IN FIRST 9 MONTHS ALONE. NOW, EGYPTIANS
HAVE LEARNED FROM UN OF OPIUM PRODUCTION IN LEBANON.
HE CREDITED EFFECTIVENESS OF TURKISH CONTROLS AND
SUBSEQUENT OPIUM PROCE RISE FOR THIS PRODUCTION.
HE, AND THOSE ASSEMBLED, SURMISED THAT CHAOS OF
CIVIL WAR HAD PREVENTED CONTROL AND SURVEILLANCE
OF GROWTH AREAS, NOTABLY OF BEQAA VALLEY. HISTORICALLY,
AVERAGE OPIUM SEIZURES BY GOE WERE APPROXIMATELY 1.5
TONS PER YEAR, BUT IN 1975 ONLY 112 KILOGRAMS WERE
SEIZED. HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO TURKISH OPIUM
CONTROLS. THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, 320 KILOGRAMS OF
OPIUM WERE SEIZED IN FIRST 9 MONTHS, NOTABLY IN
NOW CELEBRATED SEIZURE IN DELIBALTA CASE, EGYPTIANS
CONSIDERED THIS LOT TO BE OF TURKISH ORIGIN UNTIL
DEA ANALYSIS DEMONSTRATED OTHERWISE. GENERAL FARAG
NOTED EGYPTINAS SEEKING DETERMINE SOURCES OF OPIUM
PRESENT LY BEING IMPORTED BUT CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THERE EXIST EXPORTABLE STOCKS OF OPIUM OF EARLIER
PRODUCTIONS STILL AVAILABLE IN TURKEY.

7. FARAG WENT ON TO OPINE THAT EGYPTIAN OPIUM POPPY
CULTIVATION IS AN EFFECT OF OPIUM PROCE INCREASE
(FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF TURKISH CONTROLS).
HE ADMITEDD TO "SOME LEAKAGE" IN EGYPTIAN
ENFORCEMENT CONTROL BUT QUALIFIED THAT WITH ASERTION
THAT ABSOLUTE CONTROL ANYWHERE IS IMPOSSIBILITY.
RESPONDING TO QUESTION BY REP. SCHAEUER, FARAG STATED
IT IS ALL CONSUMED LOCALLY AND NONE HAS YET APPEARED
ON INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

8. DISCUSSING EGYPTIAN CONTROL OF LOCAL PRODUCTION
FARAG REPORTED DESTRUCTIONOF 1,243,647 HASHISH "TREES"
AND 167,899 OPIUM "TREES" IN FIRST 9 MONTHS OF 1976.
ANSEREING ANQUESTION BY MR. BENSINGERN FARAG
STATED THAT THESE FIGURES COULD NOT EASILY BE
EXPRESSED IN NUMBERS OF HECTARES UNDER CULTIVATION
SINCE PLANTS ERE INTERSEPERSE WITH LEGALLY
CULTIVATED CROPS, PRINCIPALLY CORN, FOR PURPOSE OF
CONCEALMENT. MR. BENSINGER NOTED SIMILAR PLOY
EMPLOYED BY MIXICAN OPIUM AND HASHISH GROWERS.
THE EGYPTIAN SIDE SAID THAT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE
NECESSARY TO PROPER ENFORCEMENT BUT THAT GOE
LACKS EQUIPMENT AND EXPERTISE TO EMPLOY THIS
TECHNIQUE EFFECTIVELY. FARAG APPEALED FOR
ASSISTANCE "FROM ALL COUNTRIES" TO HELP PRVENT

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

EGYPT FROM BECOMING PRODUCER COUNTRY. GENERAL FARAG EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH PROPOSITION THAT EGYPT HAS "BECOME A TRANSIT COUNTRY" SINCE REOPENING OF SUEZ CANAL.
UNQUOTE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CAIRO 16082 02 OF 02 261836Z

46
ACTION H-03

INFO OCT-01 NEA-07 ISO-00 SS-07 NSC-06 AID-01 /025 W
---------- 013308
R 261502Z NOV 76
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9264

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 CAIRO 16082

QUOTE

9. CHAIRMAN WOLFF REMARKED THAT HIS DELEGATION CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF LEGISLATORS AND RECOMMENDED THAT DEA AND INTERIOR MINISTRY EXPERTS CONTINUE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS SEPARATELY. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT GENERAL FARAG HAD DEMONSTRATED BY HIS REMARKS THAT DRUG PROBLEM IS WELL RECOGNIZED IN EGYPT. THIS WAS DELEGATION'S GOAL.

10. AMBASSADOR EILTS SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF USING AID FUNDS TO PROVIDE EGYPTIANS ASSISTANCE BE LOOKED INTO. THE DELEGATION AGREED WITH THIS SUGGESTION, REP. SCHEUER ADDING THAT COUNTERPART (19FT50) FUNDS MIGHT ALSO BE USED FOR ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE TO DEFRAY LOCAL OPERATING COSTS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THEIR APPLICATION TO DRUG ABUSE REHAIBILITATION EFFORTS.

11. REP. HECKLER ASKED HOW MANY ADDICTS EGYPT HAS. FARAG REPLIED THAT RELIABLE STATISTICS DO NOT EXIST BUT DIMENSION OF PROBLEM COULD BE INFERRED FROM SEIZURES. "WE SEIZE TEN PERCENT OF SMUGGLED DRUGS". REP. HECKLER ALSO INQUIRED ON EXTENT OF ADDITION PROBLEM AMONG WOMEN. EGYPTIAN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

SIDE REPLIED THAT FEWWOMEN WERE DRUG USERS, THEIR
ROLE IN DRUG PROBLEMS BEING CONFINED TO
SOME PARTICIPATION IN SMUGGLING AND DISTRUBUTION
OPERATIONS. CHAIRMAN WOLFF'S QUIP TO EFFECT THAT
IT IS WOMEN WHO DRIVE MEN TO USE DRUGS CREATED
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CAIRO 16082 02 OF 02 261836Z

GENERAL AMUSEMENT.

12. MR. BENSINGER ASKED FARAG TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN
OPIUM ADDICTS AND HASHISH ADDICTS. FARAG
REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO ADDICT REGISTRATION SYSTEM
IN EGYPT AS IN UNITED KINGDOM. UN HAS OFFERED LAST
YEAR TO MAKE STUDY ON SUBJECT, HE RECALLED, BUT
EGYPTIANS HAVE HEARD NOTHING FURTHER FROM IT.

13. CHAIRMAN WOLFF AGAIN RECOMMENDED THAT DETAILS
AN SPECIFIC PROGRAM POSSIBIILIITES BE LEFT TO
EXPERTS TO DISCUSS. HE REMINED GROUP THAT AID
ASSISTANCE FOR NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PORPOSES
CANNOT BE REPRESENTED AS POLICE TRAINING ASSISTANCE
AS SUCH, FOR THAT IS FORBIDDEN BY USG CONSTRAINTS
ON AID PROGRAM. HE AGAIN PRAISED MINISTRY FAHMY FOR
GOE RECOGNITION OF POTENTIAL WIDE -RANGING DANGERS OF
NARCOTICS PROBLEM.

14. REP. SCHEUER NOTED THAT US PROVIDES 1$18 MILLION OF
$23 MILLION OF UNFDAC BUDGET, CONTRASTING THIS
WITH NEGLIGIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OIL-RICH ARAB
STATES AND IRAN. HE RECOGNIZED THAT EGYPT FACED
WITH FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS BUT SUGGESTED THAT
INCREASE IN EGYPTIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC WOULD
MAGNIFY GOE CLOUT IN ANY APPEAL TO OIL PRODUCERS TO
RAISE LEVELS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. REP. SCHEUER
EXPRESSED BELIED THAT THESE COULD CONTRIBUTE AS MUCH
AS $510 MILLION PER YEAR WITH GREAT EAST. THIS
WOULD IN TURN STIMULATE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER
COUNTRIES. HE ASKED THAT MININT DISCUSS THIS
POSSIBILITY WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOREIGN MINISTRY.
UNFDAC, REP. SCHEUER SAID, SHOULD NOT BE LEFT TO
LOOK LIKE AN AMERICAN CREATURE, US IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE
SUPPORT BUT UNFDAC NEEDS MORE AND EGYPT CAN HELP.

15. MINISTER FAHMY'S REPLY ADDRESSED EGYPT'S
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, NOTI G THAT POLICE FACES
THESE DIRECTLY AND DAILY IN ALL THEIR RAMIFICATIONS.
AS FOR ARAB OIL STATES, THESE DO NOT NOW FACE A
DRUG PROBLEM AS OTHER COUNTRIES DO. LIBYA, SAUDI
UNCLASSIFIED

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

AND KUWAITIT AUTHORITIES , FOR EXAMPLE, IGNORANT
EVEN OF WHAT HASHISH LOOK LIKE. IN HIS VIEW,
THERE ARE NOT LIKELY TO RESPOND TO EGYPTIAN APPEALS.
REP. SCHEUER REMINED MINISTER THAT US RENDERS
WORLDWIDE ASSISTANCE ON PROBLEMS THAT ARE NOT
STRICTLY ITS OWN AND HAD RIGHT TO EXPECT OTHER
COUNTRIES TO ADOPT SIMILAR APPROACH.

16. AT THIS POINT, DUE TO CODEL'S PRESSING
BUSINESS SCHEDULE, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. AFTER
REST OF CODEL DEPARTED, MR. BENSINGER REMANINED
BEHIND TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN-US COOPERATION WITH
MINISTER FAHMY
EILTS
UNQUOTE
EILTS

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 NOV 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976CAIRO16082
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760439-1151
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761110/aaaaaidy.tel
Line Count: 297
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION H
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 6
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: powellba
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 AUG 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 AUG 2004 by castelsl>; APPROVED <24 NOV 2004 by powellba>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CODEL WOLFF MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR: NARCOTICS MATTERS THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM CAIRO 16082 SENT ACTION ROM
TAGS: OREP, (WOLFF, LESTER)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006